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SUBJ: KOREA IN UNGA: IRANIAN POSITION

REF: TEHRAN 9085(NOTAL)

1. SOUTH KOREAN COUNSELOR SUN TOLD EMBOFF HIS AMB HAD MET WITH MFA UNDER SECY JAFFAR NADIM SEPT 8 FOR REVIEW OF IRANIAN POSITION ON KOREAN QUESTION AT UNGA. SUN SAID NADIM INDICATED IRAN WOULD VOTE YES ON FRIENDLY RES AND ABSTAIN ON HOSTILE RES. NADIM THOUGHT PRIORITY OF KOREAN QUESTION THIS YEAR WOULD BE LOWER THAN IN PAST BECAUSE SOUTH AFRICAN PROBLEM WAS LIKELY TO DOMINATE UNGA ATTENTION.

2. ACCORDING TO SUN, HIS AMB RAISED POSSIBILITY OF IRAN'S CO-SPONSORSHIP OF THE FRIENDLY RES. RESPONSE WAS A QUICK, FIRM "NO". NADIM SAID IRAN WOULD ONLY CO-SPONSOR RES WHEN ITS OWN NATIONAL INTEREST WAS INVOLVED. NADIM EXPRESSED REGRET TO SOUTH KOREAN AMB OVER PANMUNJOM INCIDENT AND ADDED THAT NORTH KOREAN EMBASSY EHRE HAD IN PAST MOBILIZED EMBASSIES FRIENDLY TO IT IN FAVOR OF ITS POSITIONS BUT THIS YEAR HAD NOT YET DONE SO.

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3. NADIM ALSO INDICATED TO KOREAN AMB THAT IRAN'S POLICY ON KOREAN ISSUE WOULD BE REVIEWED AT HIGHEST LEVEL AS UNGA CONSIDERATION OF MATTER DREW CLOSER. SUN SAID HIS EMB SEES NO ROOM FOR CHANGE IN PRESENT IRANIAN POSITION AT WORKING LEVEL BUT INTENDS TO RAISE MATTER WITH FONMIN AND PERHAPS SHAH HIMSELF. SSC SAOJ NADIM INDICATED IRANIANS THOUGHT OUTCOME ON KOREAN QUESTION WOULD BE ABOUT SAME AS LAST YEAR--BOTH RESOLUTIONS WOULD PASS. SUN EXPRESSED HIS AMBASSADOR'S HOPE THAT IF IT LATER APPEARED POSSIBLE TO # FEAT HOSTILE RESOLUTION MIGHT BE INDUCED TO MOVE FROM ABSTAINED TO NEGATIVE ON IT. (COMMENT: WE BELIEVE THE KOREANS ARE TOO OPTIMISTIC ABOUT PROSPECTS THAT IRAN MIGHT CHANGE ITS VOTE TO NEGATIVE ON HOSTILE RES, SINCE GOI HAS DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH BOTH KOREAS.)

4. IN REFTEL, BEGINNING OF SECOND SENTENCE SHOULD READ "BRITISH FOREIGN OFFICE HAS INFORMED UK EMBASSY....".
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